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SUBJECT: GOI VIEWS ON CURRENT STATUS OF JUTE TALKS

1. EMBOFF MET WITH JOINT SECRETARY B.L. DAS OF GOI MINISTRY OF
COMMERCE MARCH 28, 1977, TO REVIEW RESULTS OF EARLIER MEETINGS
ON JUTE AND PROSPECTS FOR NEXT WEEK'S SESSION OF UNCTAD
PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. DAS ATTENDED OCTOBER MEETING AND WILL
LEAD GOI DELEGATION NEXT WEEK.

2. DAS HAD A COPY OF THE U.S. STATEMENT TO THE JANUARY EXPERTS
LEVEL MEETING IN HIS BRIEFCASE. HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS
AND SAID HE APPRECIATED THE THOUGHT THAT WENT INTO ITS PREPARATION
AND THE POSITIVE APPROACH WHICH MOTIVATED IT. HE FELT THAT FIRST
SESSION OF PREPARATORY MEETING LAST OCTOBER HAD BECOME BOGGED DOWN
IN DISCUSSION OF BUFFER STOCK BECAUSE OF ITS CONTROVERSIAL
NATURE, UNCERTAINTY OF PRODUCER'S PROPOSALS AND TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS. DAS WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT JANUARY MEETING HAD BROADENED
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SCOPE OF DISCUSSIONS TO DEAL WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF JUTE TRADE
PROBLEMS.

3. DAS REITERATED GOI POSITION THAT COMMODITY AGREEMENT DEALING
WITH BUFFER STOCK ALONE WOULD BE UNSATISFACTORY. JUTE SITUATION
REQUIRED THAT OTHER ELEMENTS AS IDENTIFIED AS DACCA MEETING OF
PRODUCERS BE TREATED AS EQUALLY IMPORTANT. HE WAS NOT WILLING,

HOWEVER, TO DROP BUFFER STOCK IDEA, SINCE GOI CONSIDERED REGULARITY OF SUPPLY TO BE CRITICAL ELEMENT IN PRICE STABILITY. HE WILL COMBINE FAVORABLE COMMENT ON U.S. -- AND EC-- STATEMENTS AT LAST MEETING WITH CALL FOR CONTINUED ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF BUFFER STOCK REQUIREMENT.

4. JUTE INTERNATIONAL: EMBOFF RAISED WITH DAS QUESTION OF FATE OF JUTE INTERNATIONAL NOTING THAT ONE REPORT HAD PLACED RESPONSIBILITY ON GOI FOR FAILURE OF ORGANIZATION TO COME INTO EXISTENCE (ROME 4738). DAS TOLD EMBOFF TO "REPORT AUTHORITATIVELY" THAT GOI POSITION WAS EXACTLY THE CONTRARY. ACCORDING TO DAS THE NEPALESE GOVT HAD BEGUN TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINAL SIGNING CEREMONY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LAST DECEMBER. BANGLADESH GOVT HAD, HOWEVER, BEGGED OFF ON GROUNDS THAT AN APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICER WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. IT WAS DAS' UNDERSTANDING THAT GOVT OF BANGLADESH HAD NOT YET INDICATED WHEN IT WOULD BE PREPARED FOR SIGNING CEREMONY. FOR ITS PART, GOI HAD TOLD NEPALESE GOVT IT REQUIRED ONLY TWO WEEKS' NOTICE TO ATTEND. (COMMENT: IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER GHOSH TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOI HAD ALREADY INCLUDED SOFTLY WORDED APPEAL FOR FURTHER ACTION ON JUTE INTERNATIONAL IN DRAFT COMMUNIQUE PREPARED FOR NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING NEXT WEEK.)

5. COMMENT: DAS IS AN EASY GOING, PLAIN SPOKENPERSON WITH WHOM U.S. DELEGATION TO PREPARATORY MEETING SHOULD HAVE USEFUL EXCHANGE

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